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SUBJECT: U.S.-U.S.S.R. HOUSING AGREEMENT, JOINT COMMITTEE  
MEETING PREPARATIONS

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REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER TO TARENTIEV OF  
GOSSTROY:

"JUNE 15, 1978. DEAR MR. TARENTIEV: I AM WRITING  
TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN THAT WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED  
A RESPONSE FROM CHAIRMAN NOVIKOV TO SECRETARY HARRIS'  
LETTER OF APRIL 27, 1978. IN THAT LETTER, SECRETARY  
HARRIS ADVISED CHAIRMAN NOVIKOV THAT SHE WAS LOOKING  
FORWARD TO RECEIVING HIS SUGGESTIONS FOR THE AGENDA  
OF THE THIRD JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AND HIS PREFERENCES  
FOR THE STUDY TOUR FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

WHEN MR. FOREST WAS IN MOSCOW IN MARCH, HE SPOKE  
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TO MR. ISHCENKO, WHO ADVISED HIM INFORMALLY OF  
CHAIRMAN NOVIKOV'S WISHES, AND MR. FREEMAN DISCUSSED  
THAT INFORMATION WITH YOU EARLIER THIS MONTH.  
WE COULD PROCEED TO PLAN A STUDY TOUR BASED ON  
THE INFORMATION WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO US INFORMALLY,  
BUT WE WOULD PREFER TO GIVE CHAIRMAN NOVIKOV AN  
OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS HIS WISHES FORMALLY.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE FOUND THAT BOTH AIRLINES AND HOTELS IN MOST PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES ARE ALREADY BOOKED RATHER HEAVILY FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, AND FURTHER DELAY IS LIKELY TO MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE EITHER AIRLINE RESERVATIONS OR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A GROUP AS LARGE AS OURS IS LIKELY TO BE. IN FACT, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO FIND APPROPRIATE SPACE EVEN IF THE U.S.S.R. DELEGATION IS DIVIDED TO TWO GROUPS.

WE SINCERELY WANT TO GIVE CHAIRMAN NOVIKOV AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS HIS WISHES, AND WE WANT TO ARRANGE THE STUDY TOUR SO THAT IT MEETS HIS WISHES IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE TO DO SO. HOWEVER, IF WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM YOU IN THIS REGARD BY JUNE 30, WE WILL FEEL OBLIGATED TO PROCEED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS ON THE BASIS OF OUR OWN BEST JUDGEMENT. ONCE WE HAVE DONE SO, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO CHANGE THOSE ARRANGEMENTS IF THEY SHOULD PROVE NOT TO COINCIDE WITH CHAIRMAN NOVIKOV'S WISHES.

PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU SOON. SINCERELY, TILA MARIA DE HANCOCK, ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS"

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